



# TALK IT OVER

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET | PASTOR TROY STEIN

## KEY SCRIPTURES

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:<sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna<sup>[b]</sup> to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna<sup>[d]</sup> in the highest heaven!”<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**Matthew 21:1-11 NIV**

<sup>4</sup> On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. <sup>9</sup> The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name. **Zech. 14:4&9**

## START TALKING

Have you ever experienced the ‘red carpet treatment’? (Please share) How did it feel?

## START THINKING

Read **Matthew 21:1-11**. What leaps out to you as you read the account of Palm Sunday?

Pastor Troy said that the ‘red carpet treatment’ may have been to welcome Jesus as royalty, but it may have been to hide the crap. What do you think about that? Is that what we tend to do...hide our struggles and sins from God because we are ashamed or afraid? (Discuss)

## START PRAYING

Jesus, we want to be real, open and honest. For far too long we have tried to hide from you. Starting back in the garden in Genesis to my life today, and I don’t want to hide anymore! Help me live for You in honesty and transparency. In Your powerful Name, Amen.

## START DOING

This week, read about Jesus’ crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection. Then ask God to reveal Himself to you. He will!